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***** Important Message Regarding New Voting System Purchases *****

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On April 6, 2004, the Secretary of State's Bureau of Elections sent a mailing to those city and township clerks that have indicated an intent to move from paper ballots, mechanical lever machines, a punch card voting system or a central count optical scan voting system to a new precinct count optical scan system. A separate mailing was also sent to those county clerks who have at least one of these jurisdictions in their county.

Both the mailing to the county and the one sent to the local jurisdictions included a Grant Application that must be signed and returned by **Friday, April 23, 2004**. Your assistance is vital in ensuring that both your county and the applicable local jurisdictions return their Grant Applications to this office on time.

These Grant Applications must also be returned with proof that the signatory has authority to sign. Examples of such proof of authority include, but are not limited to, a resolution from the Board of County Commissioners, City Council or Township Board authorizing purchase and contracting authority. We are aware that obtaining this proof may be time consuming, but it is a mandatory step in the process.

These documents are an important step in implementing Michigan's statewide, uniform voting system. We again ask for your assistance in making sure the jurisdictions in your county meet the April 23, 2004 deadline. If the Bureau of Elections does not receive these documents in time, your entire county's acquisition of new voting systems in 2004 may be hindered.